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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2002, setting a three (3) month statutory period for reply. Enclosed herewith is a request for a three (3) month extension of time along with the requisite fee. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record.

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